GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Spread of Awareness under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and gender-wise total number of poor persons who have been provided employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) since its inception;

(b) the details of the minimum wages received by those persons during the last three years and the current year, State/UTwise;

(c) whether the Government has developed or propose to develop any system for spread of awareness among rural population about this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) provides a legal guarantee for 100 days of employment in a financial year to every rural household including poor rural household of the country whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Not less than 100 days of employment are provided to registered workers upon receipt of their demand. As per Management Information System, the details of individual and women provided employment as demanded under MGNREGA in States/UTs since 2011-12 are indicated in the Annexure-I.

(b): Wage rates for workers under the MGNREGA, 2005 are notified and revised annually by the Central Government in accordance with the provisions of Section 6(1) of the Act. State/UT-wise details of the wage rates under MGNREGA during the last three years and the current year is given at Annexure-II.

(c)&(d): The Government is actively engaged with State Governments in establishing systems that ensure provision of work as per demand, transparency and accountability. To generate awareness about the provisions of the Scheme and to provide adequate employment opportunities to rural households under MGNREGA, all States/UTs including Kerala have been requested for the following: -

(i) Initiate appropriate Information Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns including wall paintings for wide dissemination of the provisions of the Act.

(ii) Expand scope and coverage of demand registration system to ensure that demand for work under MGNREGA does not go unregistered.

(iii) Organize 'Rozgar Diwas' periodically to capture latent demand under the programme and to disseminate awareness about the provisions of the Act.

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